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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: USER CHARGES

1. EMBASSY CONFIRMS \$600 PER MONTH CHARGE FOR PANAM TO HANDLE
TELETYPE TRAFFIC AT SANTO DOMINGO'S LAS AMERICAS AIRPORT EVEN
THOUGH PAN AM DOES NOT MAINTAIN TELETYPE LINES OR EQUIPMENT AT
THE AIRPORT.

2. PANAM ADMINISTERED THE LAS AMERICAS AIRPORT FROM 1959 TO
1969, DURING WHICH TIME PAN AM CHARGED OTHER AIRLINES FOR TELETYPE
SERVICE ON A MESSAGE-UNIT BASIS. IN 1969 PAN AM SOLD ITS TELETYPE
MACHINES TO THE GODR AIRPORT AUTHORITY (A DEPENDENCY OF FOMENTA)
AS A PART OF THE LATTER'S ADMINISTRATIVE TAKE OVER OF THE AIRPORT.
IT WAS AGREED IN 1969 THAT EACH AIRLINE USING THE AIRPORT COULD
SET UP ITS OWN TELETYPE SYSTEM IF IT SO DESIRED. UNDER AN ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 18, 1970, BETWEEN THE AIRLINES
AND THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY (ENTERED INTO SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY ON
THE PART OF PAN AM IN RETURN FOR THE CANCELLATION OF HALF OF A
DISPUTED DEBT OF PAN AM TO THE GODR), A FEE FOR THE RIGHT OF AN
AIRLINE TO USE ITS OWN TELETYPE SERVICE RATHER THAN GODR SERVICE
WAS ESTABLISHED. PAN AM WAS CHARGED WITH A MONTHLY FEE OF \$1,120.

3. EVIDENTLY THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TELETYPE MACHINERY WAS USED LESS
AND LESS FREQUENTLY BY THE AIRLINES AND DISAPPEARED BY ABOUT 1972.

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NO AIRPORT AUTHORITY TELETYPE SERVICE EXISTS CURRENTLY AT LAS
AMERICAS. THE GODR CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, WHICH IS NOT RESPON-
SIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AIRPORT (INCLUDING USER CHARGES),
DOES HAVE TELETYPE MACHINES WHICH MAY BE USED BY THE AIRLINES IF
NECESSARY FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1975, AMERICAN AIRLINES TOOK OVER MOST PAN AM

OPERATIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, INCLUDING TELETYPE SERVICE. AFTER A COMPLAINT BY PAN AM THAT ITS TELETYPE USER CHARGE SHOULD BE DROPPED, THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY, UNDER WHAT IT TERMS A PROVISIONAL ACCORD, DECIDED ON DEC. 18, 1975, INTER ALIA, TO CHARGE AMERICAN AIRLINES \$1,000 PER MONTH AND PAN AM \$600 PER MONTH, RESPECTIVELY, FOR TELETYPE SERVICE. PAN AM, DESPITE ITS CONTENTION THAT NO TELETYPE USER CHARGES ARE WARRANTED, STARTED AND CONTINUES TO PAY THE \$600 MONTHLY FEE.

5. ALL OTHER AIRLINES, INCLUDING THOSE USING EXCLUSIVELY TELETYPE SERVICES OF OTHER AIRLINES, PAY AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY TELETYPE USER CHARGE BASED APPARENTLY ROUGHLY ON THE VOLUME OF FLIGHTS. HURWITCH

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